GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2169
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2004
DECLARATION OF VILLAGES AS MADA AREAS IN MAHARASHTRA
Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria prescribed for an area to be declared as a tribal area;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal for declaring some villages as an MADA area to the Union Government which has been returned by the Union Government for clarification;

(c) if so, whether the State Government has again sent the proposal to the Union Government;

(d) if so, whether the proposal has been reviewed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) The criteria prescribed for an area to be declared as Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP), Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) Pockets and Cluster is given as under:

(i) ITDPs are contiguous areas of the size of a tehsil or block or more in which the ST population is 50% or more of the total population.

(ii) MADA Pockets are the identified pockets having 50% or more ST population of a total population of 10,000 or more Clusters are the identified pockets having 50% or more ST population of a total population of 5,000 or more.

(b) to (e)Yes, Sir, The Government of Maharashtra has submitted the revised proposal for reorganization of MADA pockets and declaring some villages as MADA area to this Ministry. The proposal has been examined in consultation with the State Govt. Officers. The State Govt. has been requested to furnish some additional information.